

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 603

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Hockey Saves, Inc., for its meritorious service to the members of our armed forces and their families.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those organizations who make it their mission to improve the lives of the members of our armed forces and their families; and

WHEREAS, one such group is Hockey Saves, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that was established to give back to members of our military by providing these brave men and women and their families the opportunity to play hockey and enjoy a few hours of "nothing else matters"; and

WHEREAS, originally established in Fort Benning, Georgia, and now located in Tennessee, Hockey Saves has branches in Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and the state of Washington and invites all active duty, former military, retired military, and immediate family members in any branch of the military to participate; and

WHEREAS, through donations from civilians, fellow soldiers, the National Hockey League, and corporate sponsors such as Bridgestone Americas, Inc., Hockey Saves has paid for ice time for military hockey players, provided tickets to National Hockey League games, and passed out hockey sweaters and equipment to hockey-playing soldiers; and

WHEREAS, locally, Hockey Saves has provided numerous tickets to Nashville Predators games for military hockey fans and arranged for these soldiers to meet members of the Predators, including Shea Weber and Pekka Rinne, after the game; and

WHEREAS, on New Year's Day in 2015, fifteen military members of Hockey Saves were special guests of Bridgestone Americas, Inc., at the 2015 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Hockey Saves, in appreciation of all that our active duty, former military, retired, and immediate family members have done in service to our great country, provides a little and well deserved "ice time therapy"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly applaud and acknowledge Hockey Saves, Inc., for its continuous efforts to enrich the lives of our armed forces members and their families with a healthy, active outlet through the sport of hockey; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby specially recognize and honor Hockey Saves, Inc., for its service to the members of our armed forces and their families through athletic competition and a mutual love for the wonderful sport of hockey, and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all future endeavors and good ice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.